



UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

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Attorney Docket No.	213789
Client Reference No.	
First Inventor	BLAKE, Laurence S.
Title	APPARATUS FOR LOADING AND UNLOADING A SUPPLY OF PLATES IN AN AUTOMATED PLATE HANDLER
Express Mail Label No.	EV329749399

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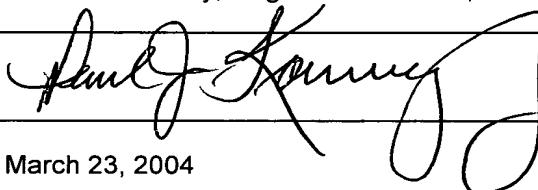
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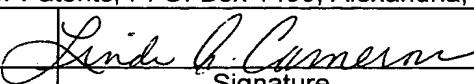
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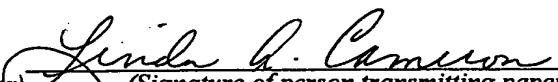
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